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Deputy Director, Intelligence

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ATTN:

Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence

Topics for Hearing on CIA FY-1957 Budget

I trust the enclosed comments on those topics relating to the NIS Program are adequate for your purpose. Since the Budget people may want to get more background on Topic No. 6, I shall bring related memoranda and DCID 3/4 to the hearing next Monday.

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Comments on Topics for CIA FY-1957 Budget Hearing

Monday, 17 October 1955, at 10:00 a.m.

(Comments relate to the NIS Program)

1. Trends in Government-wide Intelligence Production and Reference Facilities, and trends within DD/I.

There is a general trend in Government-wide intelligence production to integrate into the framework of the NIS Program certain types of basic intelligence requirements which had previously been uncoordinated, such as requirements on Psychological Warfare and International Communism. Moreover, with the strong endorsement of the NIS Program by the Clark Committee on Intelligence Activities, there is evidence within the Intelligence Community of a trend to further eliminate unnecessary duplication in departmental production of basic intelligence. For example, the Navy has recently discontinued ONI Port Series 44, relying solely on the related NIS Supplement I (Ports and Naval Facilities) to satisfy their Fleet requirement. Likewise, the Air Force has revised the content of the Air Intelligence Study (AIS) to reflect requirements that are supplementary to rather than duplicative of the related NIS requirements.

Within DD/I there has been increased emphasis accorded to the NIS Program by the creation of the Office of Basic Intelligence.

3. Organizational or Budgetary Changes resulting from Agreement on "International Communism."

Within the NIS framework there will be budgetary changes resulting from agreement on "International Communism." The NIS requirement is now being developed by OIR, State, preparatory to review by CIA and the NIS Committee. The extent of this fiscal support can only then be determined, but it is estimated that funds approximating [REDACTED] will be required to support State in fulfillment of this requirement. These funds are not available to DD/I for FY-1956, and it will therefore be necessary to request the Bureau of the Budget to release them from the Contingency Reserve.

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6. NIS Problem (Does arrangement for CIA to produce section on medicine indicate possible trend?)

No. The agreement for CIA/OSI to assume the primary production responsibility for NIS Section 45 (Health and Sanitation) stemmed from a request from the ACofS, G-2, Department of the Army, to DCI to change the allocation of this production responsibility from Army to CIA in light of Annex B to DCID 3/4, "Production of Scientific and Technical Intelligence". The agreement resulted in CIA/OSI assuming the production responsibility for all Health and Sanitation aspects except those which directly concerned military medicine, which were retained by the Army (Office of the Surgeon General).